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To: Board of Education

From: Michelle Hilla

Re: Curriculum and Instruction Update

Date: June 9th, 2025

Grant Update:

- [27h Mentoring and Induction Grant](#) – We are still awaiting notification from MDE regarding the outcome of our 27h grant application. MDE has now stated that award letters will not be sent out until "summer." Since the funds we requested are intended to support mentoring and induction activities during the 2024–25 school year, this delay puts us in a unique position. We anticipate MDE will allow districts to carry funds into the 2025–26 school year.
- [35m Committee for Literacy Achievement / HQ Literacy Materials Grant](#) – The 35m grant window opened on June 2, and we intend to apply. This grant provides funding to purchase high-quality K–5 literacy materials. MDE released a list of eight approved programs eligible for funding—fortunately, Collaborative Literacy, our newly adopted K–5 ELA program, is included. Many neighboring districts are not in this position and will be ineligible. At a minimum, CSD can expect to receive \$30,000.
- [35n READ Innovation Grant](#) – This highly competitive grant follows a “Shark Tank” model. Districts selected for Round 1 will receive \$187,500 to support innovative, scalable reading initiatives. Only 36 districts will be chosen in this round. Round 2 will award six grants of at least \$375,000, and the final round will award one district \$500,000. I am currently working with the ISD to explore a countywide consortium approach that we believe could make us a strong contender.

SEAB Update:

- Reiley and I hosted the first Sex Education Public Hearing on Friday, June 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The event was well attended, with approximately 35 participants. Overall feedback from the community was very positive, with many expressing appreciation for the transparency and the proposed updates to the curriculum. The full recommended curriculum, public hearing presentation, and SEAB Board of Education recommendation have been posted on the district website under the [Curriculum and Instruction section](#). Links to each resource are provided below for reference:
- - [SEAB Board of Education Recommendation](#)
 - [Public Hearing Presentation](#)
 - [Link to Proposed Curriculum](#)



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- The second public hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 11, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in the board room. The recommendation will be up for discussion during the June 23 Board of Education meeting, with a final vote scheduled for July 7.

Thank you for your continued support of our curriculum and instruction initiatives.

Respectfully,
Michelle Hilla, Director of Curriculum and Instruction